

# SB 1059 Implementation Workshop

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# **Specific Objectives of the Corridor Designation Process**

- Broad Corridor Designation
  - 1500 to 2000 feet wide
  - No limitation on voltage
- Use designated corridors to facilitate subsequent development of transmission lines to ensure reliable and efficient delivery of electricity

# **Planning horizon for future projects that would use a designated corridor**

- Focus SB 1059 planning tool on 5 - 15 year horizon, e.g. starting with 2012
- Avoid interfering with projects currently in development or permitting process
- Account for future land use and population growth

# **Permitting – Alternatives considered in the corridor designation process**

- Program EIR should identify broad corridor designations
- Recognize limitations of Program EIR on alternatives analysis
  - Cannot effectively do conclusive alternatives analysis
  - Avoid duplication with project level analysis
- Recognize that when projects are subsequently proposed, project-level analysis may need to study alternatives that do not go through designated corridor

# **Permitting – Program EIR used in later, project specific CEQA process**

- Seek to make Program EIR as useful as possible to subsequent project-level analysis
- Generic Program EIR would be useful
  - Local Habitat Plans – Agreement Between Utility and Local Agencies
  - Generic Construction Mitigation (i.e., parking, air emissions)

## **Permitting – Program EIR not used in later, project specific CEQA process**

- Avoid attempt to specify specific mitigation in Program EIR. Not likely to be productive since exact route/tower locations not known.
- Avoid biological studies in PEIR. Not likely to be productive. – Needs to be done the year closest to the preparation of environmental documents.
  - Can't use for specific species or species habitats

# Permitting – CPUC use the Program EIR in a project specific CEQA process

- Habitat Plans for the Area
- Construction Mitigations
- Identify Rural Areas with Population Growth
- Not a duplicative permitting process for specific projects
  - Time efficient process